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I ever from: This is the myrrour & the Mothers dear love to thee
wth they do rother receive: and our dear children if there
England wth Cora Christopher may Acquaint the that
I am in good health as all for thy Mother & blessed be
the Lord for his many mercies and favors extended unto
us: I am more glad to hear of all your wellfare you can
verbally express: I sent severall letters last year wth
Doubt that has not been as by way of understanding: I
of the 2^d day of this month: and another of the 2^d of
last year from John Wood: about y^e 6th mo: friend of mine
Grazzally well about Rosendale: and Manchester: and
Isaac Moss and Gound Isaacs Wife are both dead: I
Am allways glad to hear of your wellfare but especially
of your growth and profperity in the blessed truth
of Gods desire is unto you that he will more and more
make known unto you the way of Salvation: George
Haworth & James Rushlon of Rosendale are both dead
and about 30 friends from Rosendale are prisoners at
Newcastle upon y^e account of the 2^d as hath been some 3 years
+ there are divers others who are more than formerly
from us and our dear in this country: I must part & leave you
Amongst people to friends you for y^e most part ever of I believe
it prospers & friends are good some amongst the youth as others
I hope he ye Lord for it I saw in the Letter to thy Father y^e things
remembered since this to him who men wish to be it has a long
way to go to hear of him & with my own hand I have sent the
Letter to p. p. & it in love & service: I have also written to the
Mee through y^e good mercy of ye Lord y^e letter continue into me is my heart
+ soul refreshed to hear of thee & friends & there shall be
with desire ye Lord may continue ever: Where are these things ye
remembered of these days since good & thou art very often in my mind y^e
cannot for get these things heart in my heart and still with love to thee
Pen & paper can make beyond & it is really soe springing up & it to my
consent in spirit my wife is very dearly mine to thy wife & soe I
would his wife & allow to friends & by these know y^e my son James
Ridgway is, I hope in y^e year 85 & my daughter Mary is well
married at Dunmell & is in health & love y^e truth & has had 6 children
of wh^{ch} 2 is dead & she has 3 daughters living & one son y^e call Thomas
I my brother in law John blithing is now in y^e prison with
several off his neighbors & a fewing who suffer for the truth & in
several parts of this nation friends are suffering how many but one
patient & cheerful & y^e love is with them & I know of blessed hope
How dear sooth my soul & spirit with y^e prayer I can be glad
if it would be more agreeable to refuse 2 or 3 times from p. p. it
would do me good in spirit & glad my heart with comfort